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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **ARRAIGNMENT**

#### **“WILDCATTERS” CAUGHT IN BORDER STING OPERATION WILL BE CHARGED WITH TRANSPORTATION VIOLATIONS**

**DATE AND TIME:** Thursday, May 11 at 8:30 a.m.

**LOCATION:** San Diego Superior Court  
Arraignment, Department 1  
220 W. Broadway Street  
Downtown San Diego

The owners of three transportation companies, including Cal-Mex Tours, Inc., and L.A. Mex Tours, Inc., will be arraigned in court tomorrow morning and charged with misdemeanor transportation violations. Operators of illegal transportation are known as “wildcatters.”

The Public Utilities Commission requires transportation operators to be certified. Certification requires proof of liability and worker’s compensation insurance, safety compliance (including drug testing of drivers) and proper licensing of the drivers.

The charges are based on evidence gathered in a sting operation at the San Ysidro border crossing on April 7, 2006. The undercover operation was a joint effort of the City Attorney’s Neighborhood Prosecution Unit, San Diego Police Department, investigators from the City Attorney’s Consumer and Environmental Protection Unit, and the California Public Utilities Commission. Illegal operators were cited and prevented from continuing to illegally transport passengers.

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